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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND THE DIVERSIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Jose Lino B. Guerrero (Philippines), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.14

Industrial development cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 45/199 of 21 December 1990, containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade and 46/151 of 18 December 1991, containing the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 45/196 of 21 December 1990 and 46/146 of 17 December 1991, Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/44 of 31 July 1992 and other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development cooperation,

Noting with satisfaction the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recognizing that the creation of a supportive international economic environment, through, inter alia, effective relief measures to address external debt problems and an open and non-restrictive world trading system, is essential to promoting the industrialization efforts of developing countries,

Convinced that in order to promote the industrial development of developing countries, their indigenous capabilities in such areas as entrepreneurship, management, technology, financing and marketing need to be built up or strengthened, and that technical and financial assistance in support of the national efforts of developing countries would need to be extended for this purpose,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries, 1/

1. Stresses the importance of international cooperation in supporting efforts at the regional, subregional and national levels in industrial development, in particular in the fields of human resources development, investment and export promotion, technology transfer, industrial conversion and development of national capacities, in order to diversify and modernize productive activities in developing countries;

2. Calls upon organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to take due account, in the context of industrial development cooperation, in their programmes, projects and activities, of the commitments to further sustainable development agreed upon in the process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, especially by ensuring provision of the means of implementation, as set forth under section IV of Agenda 21, 2/ stressing in particular the importance of financial resources and mechanisms, the transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation and capacity-building, and international institutional arrangements, in order to achieve sustainable development in all countries;

3. Recommends that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in the context of its medium-term plan and the recent decision by its Industrial Development Board on relative priorities among the activities included within that plan, bearing in mind the Organization's financial and technical capacity, and with due regard to national priorities, strengthen its cooperation with public and private sector organizations, especially in developing countries, in particular with those organizations working in human resources development, investment and export promotion, and technological capacity-building;

4. Urges the international community, including the United Nations system, its regional commissions and, in particular, multilateral financial institutions and regional banks, to support industrial development programmes and projects, especially in developing countries;

1/ A/47/535.

2/ See "Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992" (A/CONF.151/26) (Vol. III).

5. Notes with concern that the study of long-term world industrial structure could not be carried out;

6. Reiterates its call to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other relevant United Nations organizations to encourage and support technical cooperation among developing countries in the field of industrialization;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include an item entitled "Industrial development cooperation" in the agenda of its forty-ninth session.